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SUBJECT: NEW YORK TIMES SUMMARY MAY 23.

TIMES LEADS WITH 3 LINE FULL PAGE HEADLINE " NIXON CONCEDES  
WIDE WHITE HOUSE EFFORT TO CONCEAL SOME ASPECTS OF WATERGATE;  
CITES HIS CONCERN OVER NATIONAL SECURITY", SUB- HEADLINE SAYS,  
" CAULFIELD SAYS DEAN ORDERED CLEMENCY OFFER TO MCCORD".  
IN A 4,000 WORD STATEMENT PRESIDENT NIXON DECLARED HE HAD  
NO INTENTION OF RESIGNING FROM THE PRESIDENCY, SAYING:  
" I WILL NOT ABANDON MY RESPONSIBILITIES. I WILL CONTINUE  
TO DO THE JOB I WAS ELECTED TO DO". THE PRESIDENT REITERATED  
HIS OWN INNOCENCE OF THE BURGLARY OF THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL  
COMMITTEE OFFICE, AND SAID, " WITH HINDSIGHT IT IS APPARENT  
THAT I SHOULD HAVE GIVEN MORE HEED TO THE WARNING SIGNALS I  
RECEIVED ALONG THE WAY ABOUT A WATERGATE COVER- UP AND  
LESS TO THE REASSURANCES".

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WATERGATE DEVELOPMENTS INCLUDE FOLLOWING: INSIDE PAGE HEADLINE SAYS, " NIXON ENDS INSISTENCE THAT EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE BARS TESTIMONY BY HIS STAFF". TWO COLUMN LEAD ON SAME PAGE " PRESIDENT NIXON ABANDONED TODAY HIS ONCE ADAMANT INSISTENCE THAT " EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE" SHOULD KEEP HIS PERSONAL STAFF FROM HAVING TO TESTIFY BEFORE CONGRESS ABOUT THE WATERGATE SCANDAL". SAME PAGE INCLUDES STATEMENT BY STATE DEPARTMENT ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THREE OF ITS OFFICERS WERE GIVEN LIE DETECTOR TESTS BY C. I. A. IN 1971 TO CURB NEWS LEAKS, THAT THESE OFFICERS WERE CLEARED AND WERE STILL WORKING FOR THE DEPARTMENT.

IN BELOW FOLD FRONT PAGE TIMES REPORTS SENATE REOPENS HEARINGS ON RICHARDSON CONFIRMATION AS ATTORNEY GENERAL. IN PARALLEL ARTICLE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SOURCES SAY THREE FEDERAL PROSECUTORS ON VERGE OF RESIGNING FROM WATERGATE CASE TODAY BECAUSE NEITHER RICHARDSON NOR COX HAS DEALT WITH THEM SINCE AFFAIR ERUPTED LAST MONTH.

TIMES EDITORIAL WELCOMES FRANK PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENTS ABOUT WATERGATE AFFAIR BUT SAYS THEY DO NOT END THE MATTER. " THEY RAISE TO A NEW LEVEL THE NATIONAL DISCUSSION OF ENDS AND MEANS." ON OP ED PAGE RESTON ANALYZES BREZHNEV VISIT AND WARNS, " SOMEBODY HAS TO SPEAK FOR AMERICA AND THAT CAN ONLY BE THE PRESIDENT". THEODORE HESBURGH, PRESIDENT OF NOTRE DAME, WARNS OF AN " INNER MORAL MALAISE" SYMPTOMIZED BY THE WATERGATE EVENTS, AND SULZBURGER SAYS, " THE CURIOUS ASPECT OF THE WHOLLY UNEXPECTED SCANDAL WHICH IS STEADILY UNDERMINING MR. NIXON' S POSITION IN THE UNITED STATES IS THAT IT HAS HAD NO SERIOUS REPERCUSSION ON RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U. S. AND EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS." LEONARD ORLAND, UNIV. OF CONN. PROFESSOR, DISCUSSES LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OF IMPEACHING THE PRESIDENT.

IN FRONT PAGE BELOW FOLD COLUMN TIMES LEADS WITH, " NELSON GROSS WAS INDICTED BY A FEDERAL GRAND JURY TODAY ON CHARGES OF MASTERMINDING AN INCOME TAX CONSPIRACY FRAUD INVOLVING THE FINANCING OF MR. CAHILL' S 1969 ELECTION CAMPAIGN." GROSS WAS ALSO ACCUSED OF OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE BY TRYING COVER UP ALLEGED CONSPIRACY AND BY PERSUADING KEY WITNESS TO LIE TO GRAND JURY ABOUT CONTRIBUTION TO CAHILL' S

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ELECTION. GROSS PLEADED NOT GUILTY AT ARRAIGNMENT. BECAUSE OF GROSS' S CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR CAHILL, TIMES SAYS, " POLITICAL LEADERS HERE AGREED TODAY THAT NO GOVERNOR OF NEW JERSEY' S RECENT HISTORY WAS EVER IN DEEPER TROUBLE."

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